

Outdoor Learning Experience (3 and 4 years old)

Learning Experience: Counting at the Playground	Shared by: Yannie Soo
Environment: Neighbourhood public playground	Estimated time: 20 minutes
Children's prior knowledge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are able to rote count from 1 to 5 and have been introduced numbers 1 to 5 in numerals. 	
What children will experience (NEL Learning Areas): Numeracy and Motor Skills Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will practice their gross motor skills and counting skill through the 'Simon Says' game by following instructions. 	Suitable for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 and 4 years old
What you will need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number cards for 1 to 5 	Benefit-Risk Assessment: <u>Benefit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance children's counting and gross motor skills development through outdoor play <u>Risks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children may fall and get injured due to slope, rough surface, uneven floor, slippery, puddle of water, stairs <u>Assessment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check the ground to be clear of debris or hazardous materials Risk can be reduced to minimal by setting and enforcing rules during the outdoor activity. Go through the rules with the children before going to the playground and allocate sufficient

	number of teachers to supervise the children at the playground
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How to make it happen:

1. Allow children to play freely in the playground for 10 minutes.
2. Gather the children and play the 'Simon Says' game for the children to practise motor skills and counting skill.
3. Children have to follow Simon's instruction and do as requested, e.g., slide down once, run and tag 2 things in the playground, climb up 3 steps, swing 4 times, count 5 steps to jump from one place to another.

Extension of activity:

- Instead of calling out the number, teacher can give instruction for the action and show a number card to the children.